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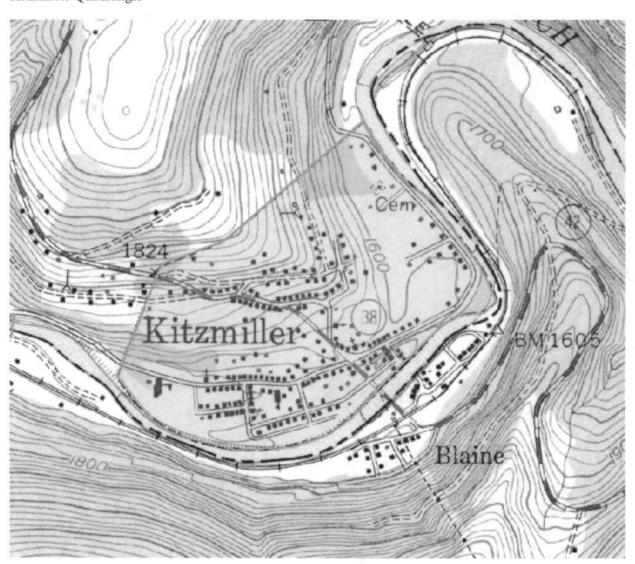
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Property Name: Kitzmiller Historic District Inventory Number: G-IV-C-176 City: Kitzmiller Zip Code: 21538 Address: USGS Topographic Map: Kitzmiller County: Garrett Is the property being evaluated a district? X yes Owner: various Tax Parcel Number: Tax Map Number: Tax Account ID Number: Project: Rehabilitation Projects Agency: CDBG Site visit by MHT staff: X no yes Name: Date: Is the property is located within a historic district? yes X no If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo) The Kitzmiller Survey District is composed of approximately 175 buildings within the town of Kitzmiller, a coal and lumber town situated on either side of MD38 along the North Branch of the Potomac River. Kitzmiller is significant as an example of a town which between 1900 and the late 1920s derived its economic livelihood from the mining and transport of coal, the single most important industry in Garrett County for nearly 75 years. The overwhelming majority of architecture in Kitzmiller dates from this period and consists of frame single family and duplex houses, churches, as well as several commercial buildings. A map illustrating contributing and non-contributing resources is in the MIHP notebook. Prepared by: Geoffrey B. Henry, MHT Date Prepared: 01/01/1983 MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None **MHT Comments** District has been treated as eligible for many years. Justification based on MIHP for and individual building DOEs. Tania Georgiou Tully August 23, 2002 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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The street plan consists of two principal roads intersected by several other smaller streets. Route 38, whose course was altered in the 1950's to run straight through Kitzmiller and across a bridge to Blaine, West Virginia on the opposite side of the river, makes a steep descent into town from its origin atop Backbone Mountain. Main Street runs roughly parallel to the river between Shallmar, to the southwest, and the Hamill Mine Road to the east.

Although settlement in Kitzmiller (formerly Kitzmillerville) predates at least the Civil War, the present day appearance of the town is largely early twentieth century in character. The period between 1900 and the end of World War I saw the greatest expansion in Kitzmiller, both commercially and in terms of population. What remains of the town's commercial district, although mostly abandoned and rapidly deteriorating, is largely product of this period of prosperity in Kitzmiller's history.

The majority of commercial buildings in Kitzmiller were once found on both sides of River Street which led by way of an iron bridge to the West Virginia side of the river. Of those that remain, the former Kaufmann and Fisher's Store (83) is probably the oldest (c. 1900). It is two-and-one-half stories tall, with German siding and three doors, one of them recessed and framed by shop front windows. A porch extends along the front of the building and is supported by wooden posts and brackets.

Next door is a two-and-one-half story building, also with three store fronts. Built c. 1918 of concrete block with crushed colored glass embedded in the surface, this store has a molded concrete cornice as well as molded capitals on either side of the center door.

The former Kitzmiller Bank (81) is a two-story brick building built in 1912 on the corner of East Main Street and River Street. Much of the interior remains, including the teller's grill and the tile floor.

There were once nine buildings on the east side of River Street. Only the Kitzmiller Library (84), a one-story frame building with a false front and plate glass windows, remains from this block of commercial buildings.

Buildings #79 and 80 are both frame commercial structures built on East Main Street around the turn of the century. The former is three stories tall with a recessed entrance and porch on the ground floor in addition to a porch supported by Ionic columns spanning two bays of the top floor. A cornice with dentils runs along the top of the building. Next to it is a three bay two-and-one-half story frame building. It is seven bays deep and is partly supported by stilts to span a small creek.

Other buildings in the Kitzmiller business district include #52 and #53 on West Main Street, both two-and-one-half story frame

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buildings and #110 and #76 which are smaller one story frame stores.

The oldest residential area in Kitzmiller lies in the western part of town, along West Main Street and its several secondary streets. The majority of the single family houses found in this section are two story, three bay frame dwellings with German siding and a one story porch along the gable and facade. Distinguishing features of this standard house type include the turned posts which support the porch, the sawn brackets on each side of these posts, the center chimney, and 1/1 sash windows. Many also have a strip of rusticated pressed tin running along the foundation.

Many of the duplex houses (#4,5,7,12,13,15,20 and 48) share these same features with the single family houses. Most are covered with German siding and have the two entrances placed in the center of the gable end facade. Duplex #7 has an unusual iron fence in the front yard, the only original one in Kitzmiller.

A number of houses can be found in Kitzmiller which do not conform to the most common building types. Among the more distinctive are the group of four similar houses along West Main Street at 25-28. House #26, the least altered of the four, is a two story frame house, two bays wide with a gable end facade and one story porch with relatively elaborate jigsawn brackets. The gable is covered with both diamond and hexagonal shingles and has an unusual circular star window as well as an ornate jigsawn barge board. The other houses lack either the decorative shingles or intact porches.

Another unusual house is found at #11 on Church Street. It is a two story frame house with German siding, is two bays wide and has a two story pedimented front porch with turned posts and a balustrade running along the second floor.

Several of the larger houses in Kitzmiller exhibit typically late Victorian or Queen Anne characteristics. The least altered of these is #92, a large three bay Victorian frame house set back from the road on a large lot on East Main Street. Jigsawn brackets and decoration are present under the eaves of the entry gable and on the bargeboards. Fish scale shingles enliven both the second story of the facade and the eastern elevation. House #14 is typically Queen Anne in its asymmetrical plan, the profusion of projecting bays and windows and the spindle decorations on the bargeboards.

To the north, Maryland Route 38 makes a steep ascent from its junction with Main Street and many of the houses which line the road are several hundred feet above the elevation of the river and the rest of town. The houses in this northern half of Kitzmiller, while often in keeping with the architectural character of the town as a whole, are less architecturally sig-

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nificant than those found in the Main Street area. Most are sited on an incline, and several houses along Spring Street (129-132) are entered at below street level.

The houses of most recent construction are found along East Main Street (93-109). Significant examples of bungalow houses are found at 100-102, but are not characteristic of the architecture of the survey district as a whole.

Three of the four churches in Kitzmiller were built between 1908 and 1928 and are undistinguished in quality; the fourth was constructed in the 1960s. The Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, built in 1928, is two stories high, covered with stucco and has a short square steeple. The main block of the Kitzmiller Presbyterian Church on Church Street was disassembled and moved to its present location from Elkins, West Virginia and is 1½ stories tall with a tower set in between the two arms of the "L" plan. The Methodist Church in the center of Kitzmiller is the largest of the three and was built in 1911. There are three stained glass windows topped by lunettes on the front facade with the entrance placed in the middle of the three story bell tower.

The Kitzmiller Elementary School (1), a large brick building with Colonial Revival features, stands at the extreme western end of town. Built in 1923, it recently replaced the Old Kitzmiller School (17) which now stands abandoned on Main Street. This two story frame building with an ornamental lunette over the entrance was originally cruciform in plan until the rear wing was torn down for structural reasons.

8.1 Significance (cont'd.)

A number of disasters, both natural and economic, contributed to Kitzmiller's decline. A flood on March 29, 1924, destroyed several businesses and other buildings, including the c. 1880 frame building which had housed Kitzmiller's first grade school. 5 After repeated flooding, the Army Corps of Engineers built several flood control measures in the 1950s which included the levelling of several riverfront homes and businesses as well as the rerouting of Route 38 directly through the business section of town and over the river by a new bridge.

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²Stephen Schlosnagle, <u>Garrett County</u>, <u>A History of Maryland's Tableland</u> (Parsons, West Virginia: McClain Publishing Co., 1978), p. 67.

 $^{^3}$ Bert G. Pew, "Kitzmiller, Md.," <u>Glades Star</u>, Vol. 2, No. 10, March 31, 1952, p. 131.

 $^{^4}$ "The Real Ghost Towns You Never See in Movies," $\underline{\text{U.S.}}$ News and World Report, August 1982, p. 55.

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NR Eligible: yes MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM 228 E. Main Street Inventory Number: Needs Number 228 E. Main Street Historic district: X yes no Zip Code: 21538 County: Garrett Kitzmiller Shirley Coleman Tax Account ID Number: 003211 Tax Map Number: 88A Kitzmiller Blight Removal Project DHCD Agency: Paula S. Reed & Associates 5/5/2010 Edie Wallace Date Prepared: Documentation is presented in: "Kitzmiller Survey District," MIHP # G-IV-C-176, 1983; J. Thomas Scharf, "History of Western Maryland," Baltimore, MD, 1882; Garrett County Land Records Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended Considerations: A В Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property: Name of the District/Property: Kitzmiller Historic District G-IV-C-176 yes Inventory Number: Eligible: X Listed: yes X no Name: Date: Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo) The building identified as 228 E. Main Street has suffered from many years of vacancy and neglect. The building's compromised structural integrity negatively impacts its integrity of workmanship, design, and materials. Additionally, the surrounding historic E. Main Street/Union Street commercial district is now nearly entirely gone, most of the buildings lost to floods and to the construction of the levy in 1964. The building therefore no longer retains integrity of setting, feeling and association. It is therefore considered to be a non-contributing resource in the Kitzmiller Historic District and is not individually eligible for the

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Kitzmiller, established in the nineteenth century around a woolen mill, and incorporated in 1906, is a mining and logging town nestled in a crook of the Potomac River at the base of Backbone and Big Savage Mountains in southeastern Garrett County. Its peak of population and development occurred in the early 20th century, when Kitzmiller had about 1,500 inhabitants. The town has experienced declining population in recent decades to about 300 residents (www.mdmunicipal.org), resulting in empty or abandoned buildings, especially in Kitzmiller's commercial area. In the 1960s the Town and the Army Corps of Engineers

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constructed a levy along the river for flood protection. The levy, while sheltering Kitzmiller from flood waters, alters the visual relationship between the town and the river, and the sense of proximity between the two. In addition, as part of the flood control work, the river crossing was moved from Union Street (also called River Street) to a new bridge constructed a block to the west of the former bridge, removed a number of buildings along the river front and extended Union Street to parallel East Main Street along the levy. (MIHP G-IV-C-176)

Kitzmiller was listed in 1983 in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (G-IV-C-176) as a Survey District and was determined eligible for the National Register in 2002. The district's boundaries are concurrent with the town boundaries. 228 East Main Street is noted as Building # 80 and described in the MIHP form as having been built around the turn of the 20th century, three bays wide and seven bays deep and partly supported by stilts to span a small creek [the mill tailrace].

As observed in April of 2010, 228 E. Main Street is a stand-alone, four-sided building. It is a two story, light-weight frame structure, partially collapsed, that faces onto the south side of East Main Street, with the Potomac River levy behind it, about half a block east of Maryland Route 38 (Kitzmiller Road). An old mill race runs beneath the building and its neighbors along the street. The building is an elongated rectangle with a narrow storefront façade containing a central entrance with flanking display windows. There are two windows at the second story and the whole is topped with an Italianate bracketed cornice. The roof, prior to its collapse, was a long, gently sloped shed angling downward to the rear. The south or rear elevation terminates with a one story extension and a porch with its deck several feet above ground level.

The building has broken apart and partially fallen near the center of its length, with the roof caved in and the base of the building dropped to the ground. The rear portion of the building stands on high concrete block piers that carry it over the millrace which passes beneath it and other buildings along its course paralleling the river.

The building front, facing onto the south side of East Main Street is covered with German siding, and with narrow gauge horizontal siding above the second story windows. The side and rear walls are covered with asbestos shingle siding placed over earlier and probably original German siding.

Because the building has racked, the front wall is skewed and twisted. Most of its architectural features, however, remain. The front wall terminates at the top with an overhanging bracketed cornice. Windows have two over two pane sash, including the two larger storefront windows on each side of the front entrance. Applied plain trim surrounds the windows and door. Scars on the front wall above the first story fenestration indicate that a shed roof or cornice was once in place there. The front door has a large glass pane over panels. The door opens into a commercial space that was most recently a restaurant. Debris from the fallen roof fills this space, preventing entrance to and recordation of the interior.

Assessment of integrity: While 228 East Main Street retains a large amount of original material and trim, its loss of structural integrity, roof, much interior and exterior fabric, plus added non-historic materials, the building no longer retains sufficient integrity of design, materials, or workmanship to merit eligibility for the National Register, as contributing to a potential Kitzmiller Historic District.

Although the loss of structural integrity makes 228 E. Main Street ineligible, its history contributes to the Kitzmiller District history and is documented here.

Historic Context

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Resource History:

The lot on which 228 E. Main Street stands was part of a larger parcel of approximately one acre, called "the Factory Lot" in deeds dated as early as 1908. Emily and Ebenezer Kitzmiller sold the lot in 1884, measuring 330 feet along E. Main Street (then called "the public road") and 132 feet along Union Street, to William H. Poole for \$2,000. Running through the length of the lot was the mill race, a direct source for water power.

The U.S. Population Census record for 1870 (Allegany Co., Altamont District) listed John H. Kittsmiller [sic] and John H. Rafter

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(son-in-law of Ebenezer Kitzmiller) both aged 25 years and both occupied as "Woolen Manufacturer." Neither owned real estate, and since local tradition holds that Ebenezer Kitzmiller owned a woolen mill, it was likely his factory that was operated by the two younger men. By 1880 (Garrett Co., District 1), it was William H. Poole who was listed as the "Woolen Manufacturer," while John H. Rafter was listed as "Miller" (the Rafter Milling Co. had a Grist Mill on the west side of Kitzmiller near the intersection of Second and West Main Streets on the 1912 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. map). When J. Thomas Scharf published his History of Western Maryland in 1882, he described William H. Pool as "a wool manufacturer" and Ebenezer Kitzmiller as "miller" (Kitzmiller listed his occupation as Farmer on the 1880 census). The census for 1900 showed that William Pool and his three sons George, Cleaver, and Henry were all involved in the woolen manufacture business.

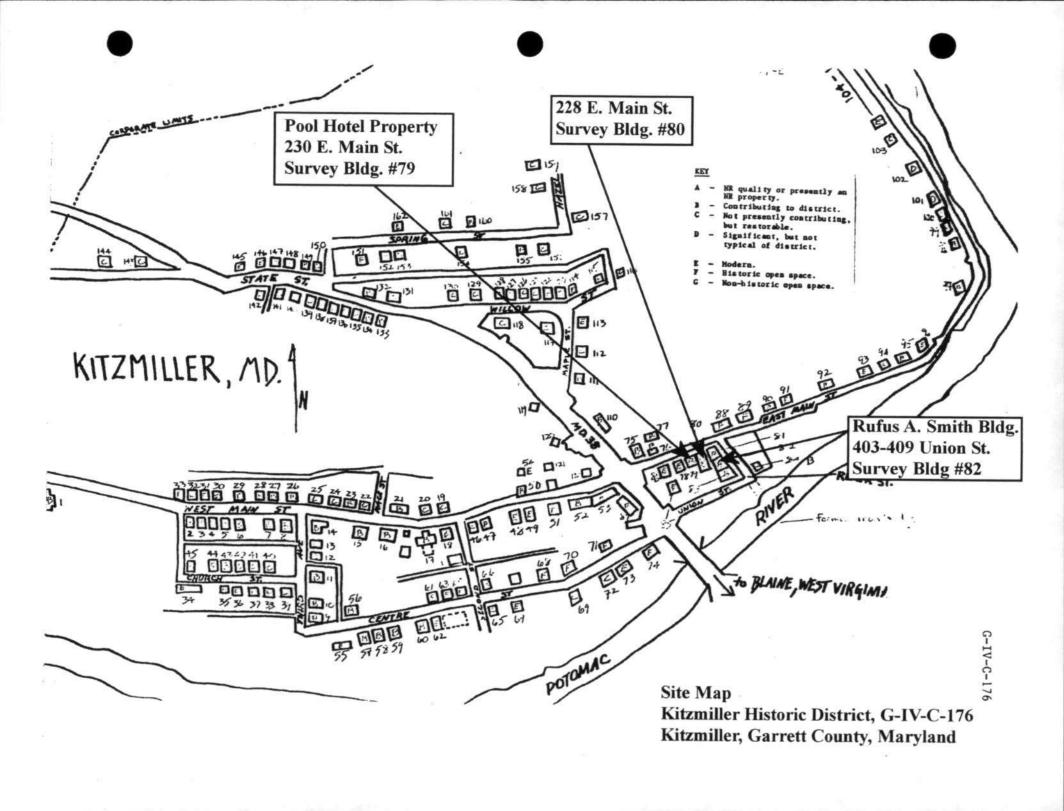
In 1902, William Pool conveyed a quarter share in the Factory Lot, "being in the village of Kitzmillersville," to each of his three sons. Kitzmillersville was officially incorporated by act of the Maryland legislature in 1906, but clearly it had been developing since much earlier and the economic boom brought by the railroad in the 1880s and coal mining in the 1890s accelerated the towns development into the 20th century. The 1860 census record (still in Allegany County until 1872) indicated a quiet farming community that probably included a mill (although that was not found in the census record). In 1870 and 1880, the woolen and grist mills offered additional employment but still most residents in the area were occupied in farming. Writing in 1882, J. Thomas Scharf (p. 1526) additionally listed postmaster J. H. Rafter, four merchants, four coopers, three carpenters, two blacksmiths, a stone-mason, wheelwright, chair-maker, and three shoemakers in Kitzmillersville. By the 1900 census, a large influx of coal miners, lumber-related workers, and day laborers occupied a number of rented houses in the area. In 1910, the town was platted and described by surveyor V. G. Pew, showing the "Original Town of Kitzmillersville" lots as a disorganized jumble of various-sized lots, and the two additions called "Kitzmiller's Addition" and "Rafter's Addition" forming the bulk of the west section of town (see attached).

In 1908 the Pool family began selling off parts of the Factory Lot. This was a prime commercial location along Main and Union Streets leading to the iron bridge across the Potomac River to West Virginia. The first sale, in 1908, was a linear lot measuring 135 feet along the west side of Union Street to the First National Bank of Kizmillersville. In 1909 George and Cleaver Pool aquired the interests of William and Henry Pool in the remaining Factory Lot parcel fronting on Main Street. The 1912 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Kitzmillersville (see attached) shows that the Pools had already redeveloped their remianing lot, apparently converting the old woolen factory to a "Pool & Shooting Gallery" and two smaller shops. The subject building, 228 E. Main Street, was shown as two stories, housing a "Restaurant." The adjoining Pool Hotel Property was shown as three stories, housing "Motion Pictures & Lodge above."

In 1921, an Equity case involving George Pool appears to have forced the subdivision and sale of the remaining Pool property, then known as "Factory Lot No. 1." The lot was divided into three lots, the subject lot (228 E. Main) described in the 1927 deed to Lawrence Junkins as "Lot No. 3 of Old Factory Lot No. 1." Within months Junkins sold Lot No. 3 (228 E. Main) to Hugh Strachan. The building passed through one additional owner before being purchased in 1953 by Carl Cardaro, owner of the adjoining Pool Hotel Property since 1929. Cardaro held the property until 1970, apparently operating a restaurant in the building (personal communication, Mayor Jim Browning, 2010).

From the 1880s through the 1950s, the East Main Street/Union Street district served as the primary avenue between Kitzmiller and Blaine, West Virginia, and was an active commercial and entertainment district (see attached "birdseye view"). The 1924 Potomac River flood caused significant property damage along Union Street (see attached photo) and was soon followed by an economic downturn from which Kitzmiller never really recovered. After another flood in 1954 the Maryland Theater was demolished along with the remaining buildings on the east side of Union Street. Today only a few buildings remain of this once-lively district.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

operty Name: Pool Hotel Property	Inventory Number:	-Needs Number
Address: 230 E. Main Street	Historic district:	yes X no
City: Kitzmiller Zip Code: 21538	County: Garret	t
USGS Quadrangle(s): Kitzmiller		
Property Owner: Shirley Coleman Ta	ax Account ID Number	: 003211
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 37 Tax Map Number	:: 88A	
Project: Kitzmiller Blight Removal Project Agency:	DHCD	
Agency Prepared By: Paula S. Reed & Associates		
Preparer's Name: Edie Wallace	Date Prepared:	5/5/2010
Documentation is presented in: "Kitzmiller Survey District," MIHP # G-IV-C-176 Maryland," Baltimore, MD, 1882; Garrett County		arf, "History of Western
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Name of the District/Property: Kitzmiller Historic Distrct		
Inventory Number: G-IV-C-176 Eligible: X yes	Listed:	yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes X no Name:		Date:
Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)		
The Pool Hotel Property has suffered from many years of vacancy and neglect. The negatively impacts its integrity of workmanship, design, and materials. Additionally Street/Union Street commercial district is now nearly entirely gone, most of the built the levy in 1964. The Pool Hotel Property therefore no longer retains integrity of so considered to be a non-contributing resource in the Kitzmiller Historic District and Register.	y, the surrounding histo Idings lost to floods and etting, feeling and association	oric E. Main I to the construction of ciation. It is therefore
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Kitzmiller was listed in 1983 in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (G-IV-C-176) as a Survey District and was determined eligible for the National Register in 2002. The district's boundaries are concurrent with the town boundaries. The Pool Hotel Property (230 East Main Street) is noted as Building # 79 and described in the MIHP form as having been built around the turn of the 20th century.

As observed in April of 2010, the Pool Hotel Property (230 East Main Street) is a stand-alone, four-sided elongated rectangular gable roofed building with its gable end facing the street. It is of light weight frame construction covered for the most part with asbestos shingle siding, nailed over the original German siding. It stands adjacent to, but separated from 228 East Main Street. The building is in very deteriorated condition and there was no access to the interior. Built as a movie theater and hotel, the building's front wall fenestration pattern consists of four bays at the first story and two bays at the second story. The first story configuration includes a commercial entrance with large windows on either side, and a second entrance in the east bay that leads to the second story living quarters/hotel.

A partially collapsed parapet wall covers the east half of the front elevation, and appears to have been added to the original gable front as a way of updating the façade appearance. The parapet, however, appears in a 1920s photograph of East Main Street. This feature is of frame construction covered with asbestos shingle siding. In its original configuration, the building's gable front may have been fully visible and embellished with a two story pedimented porch/portico. The porch was most likely supported by round Tuscan Doric columns (one remains at the second story level and two half columns are set into the west corner of the façade at the first and second stories). The first story columns were later replaced with square posts. Dentiled cornice work trims both stories of the porch and pediment.

Windows with the exception of the two commercial front windows have two over two pane sash. The store windows each have a single pane topped with a rectangular transom window. These windows, like the doors at the front elevation have plain flat architrave trim. The door to the commercial space has no transom, but the door to the second floor residential area has a single glass pane and a single pane transom.

The remainder of the building is quite plain. It extends four widely separated bays to the rear or south, over the mill race. At the south gable elevation there was a porch enclosure or extension, one story high that has fallen off the building. Two brick single flue chimneys extend from the west slope of the roof just below the peak.

Assessment of integrity: The Pool Hotel Property (230 East Main Street) was once a fine commercial building with residential space on its second floor. Through abandonment, its condition has deteriorated and architectural and structural elements have decayed to the point of being difficult to repair or beyond repair. Consequently the building no longer retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship and association.

Although the loss of structural integrity makes the Pool Hotel Property ineligible, its history contributes to the Kitzmiller District history and is documented here.

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This historic context is quoted in its entirety from the 1983 "Kitzmiller Survey District" MIHP #G-IV-C-176 documentation with corrections given in brackets []:

Kitzmiller is significant as an example of a town which between 1900 and the late 1920s derived its economic livelihood from the mining and transport of coal, the single most important industry in Garrett County for nearly seventy-five years. The overwhelming majority of architecture in Kizmiller dates from this period and consists of frame single family and duplex houses, churches, as well as several commercial buildings.

Unlike many other communities along the Upper Potomac River, Kitzmiller has at one time or another supported a variety of industries. The earliest of these was a gristmill, tranditionally begun by Thomas Wilson, one of Kitzmiller's founding settlers in 1802. In 1853 a woolen mill and shirt factory was begun by Ebeneezer [sic] Kitzmiller, after whom the town was named. This enterprise occupied a site roughly where the Assembly of God Church now stands on the far western half of town [this is actually a reference to the former location of the grist mill that was near the intersection of Second Street and West Main Street. See attached Sanborn maps]

With the arrival of the first trains of the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railroad in the early 1880s, Kitzmiller took on a new importance as a point from which lumber was shipped. Lumbering continued in importance for the rest of the century.

In the late 1890s and early 1900s, a number of coal companies began operation in the Kitzmiller area giving the town its longest period of sustained economic growth. Among these were the Blaine Coal Co., the Garrett County Coal Co., the Potomac Valley Coal Co., and the Hamill Coal and Coke Company. The Shallmar Mine, opened in 1917 in nearby Shallmar, was the last major mining operation started in this area.

Kitzmiller was not a "company town," and a majority of the houses were owned by the residents rather than by the coal or rail companies. The town prosepered in the early 20th century, reaching a peak population of approximately 1500 before the Depression, and supported a wide variety of businesses and forms of entertainment, including an opera house.

A number of disasters, both natural and economic, contributed to Kitzmiller's decline. A flood on March 29, 1924, destroyed several businesses and other buildings, including the c. 1880 frame building which had housed Kitzmiller's first grade school. After repeated flooding, the Army Corps of Engineers built several flood control mearsures in the 1950s [sic; the levy was completed by 1964] which included the levelling of several riverfront homes and businesses as well as the rerouting of Route 38 directly through the business section of town and over the river by a new bridge.

Added to this physical decline of Kitzmiller was the economic decline brought on by strikes, the Depression and a slump in the demand for coal. Today, many of Kitzmiller's aging houses stand empty; one national magazine recently described it as a "ghost town...the scar tissue of such historic calamities as the Great Depression and the exhaustion of the local mines."

Resource History:

The lot on which the former Pool Hotel stands was part of a larger parcel of approximately one acre, called "the Factory Lot" in deeds dated as early as 1908. Emily and Ebenezer Kitzmiller sold the lot in 1884, measuring 330 feet along E. Main Street (then called "the public road") and 132 feet along Union Street, to William H. Poole for \$2,000. Running through the length of the lot was the mill race, a direct source for water power.

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The U.S. Population Census record for 1870 (Allegany Co., Altamont District) listed John H. Kittsmiller [sic] and John H. Rafter (son-in-law of Ebenezer Kitzmiller) both aged 25 years and both occupied as "Woolen Manufacturer." Neither owned real estate, and since local tradition holds that Ebenezer Kitzmiller owned a woolen mill, it was likely his factory that was operated by the two younger men. By 1880 (Garrett Co., District 1), it was William H. Poole who was listed as the "Woolen Manufacturer," while John H. Rafter was listed as "Miller" (the Rafter Milling Co. had a Grist Mill on the west side of Kitzmiller near Second and West Main Streets on the 1912 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. map). When J. Thomas Scharf published his History of Western Maryland in 1882, he described William H. Pool as "a wool manufacturer" and Ebenezer Kitzmiller as "miller" (Kitzmiller listed his occupation as Farmer on the 1880 census). The census for 1900 showed that William Pool and his three sons George, Cleaver, and Henry were all involved in the woolen manufacture business.

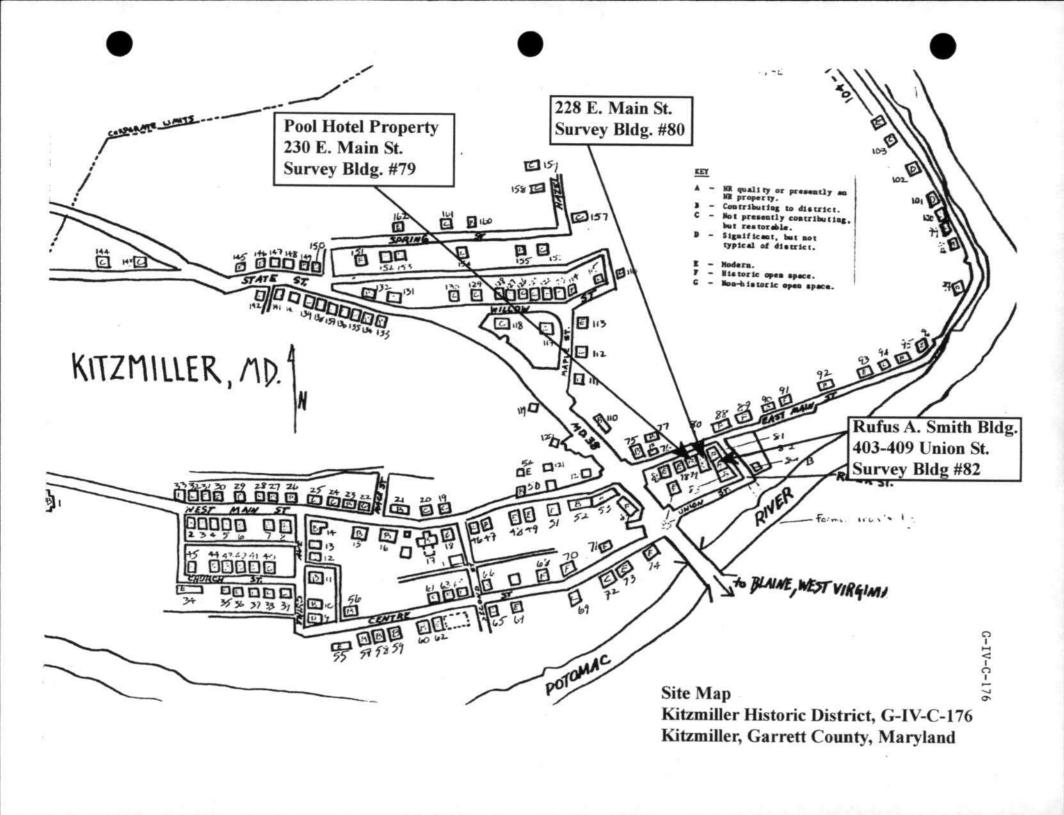
In 1902, William Pool conveyed a quarter share in the Factory Lot, "being in the village of Kitzmillersville," to each of his three sons. Kitzmillersville was officially incorporated by act of the Maryland legislature in 1906, but clearly it had been developing since much earlier and the economic boom brought by the railroad in the 1880s and coal mining in the 1890s accelerated the towns development into the 20th century. The 1860 census record (still in Allegany County until 1872) indicated a quiet farming community that probably included a mill (although that was not found in the census record). In 1870 and 1880, the woolen and grist mills offered additional employment but still most residents in the area were occupied in farming. Writing in 1882, J. Thomas Scharf (p. 1526) additionally listed postmaster J. H. Rafter, four merchants, four coopers, three carpenters, two blacksmiths, a stone-mason, wheelwright, chair-maker, and three shoemakers in Kitzmillersville. By the 1900 census, a large influx of coal miners, lumber-related workers, and day laborers occupied a number of rented houses in the area. In 1910, the town was platted and described by surveyor V. G. Pew, showing the "Original Town of Kitzmillersville" lots as a disorganized jumble of various-sized lots, and the two additions called "Kitzmiller's Addition" and "Rafter's Addition" forming the bulk of the west section of town (see attached).

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From the 1880s through the 1950s, the East Main Street/Union Street district served as the primary avenue between Kitzmiller and Blaine, West Virginia, and was an active commercial and entertainment district (see attached "birdseye view"). The 1924 Potomac River flood caused significant property damage along Union Street (see attached photo) and was soon followed by an economic downturn from which Kitzmiller never really recovered. After another flood in 1954 the Maryland Theater was demolished along with the remaining buildings on the east side of Union Street. Today only a few buildings remain of this once-lively district.

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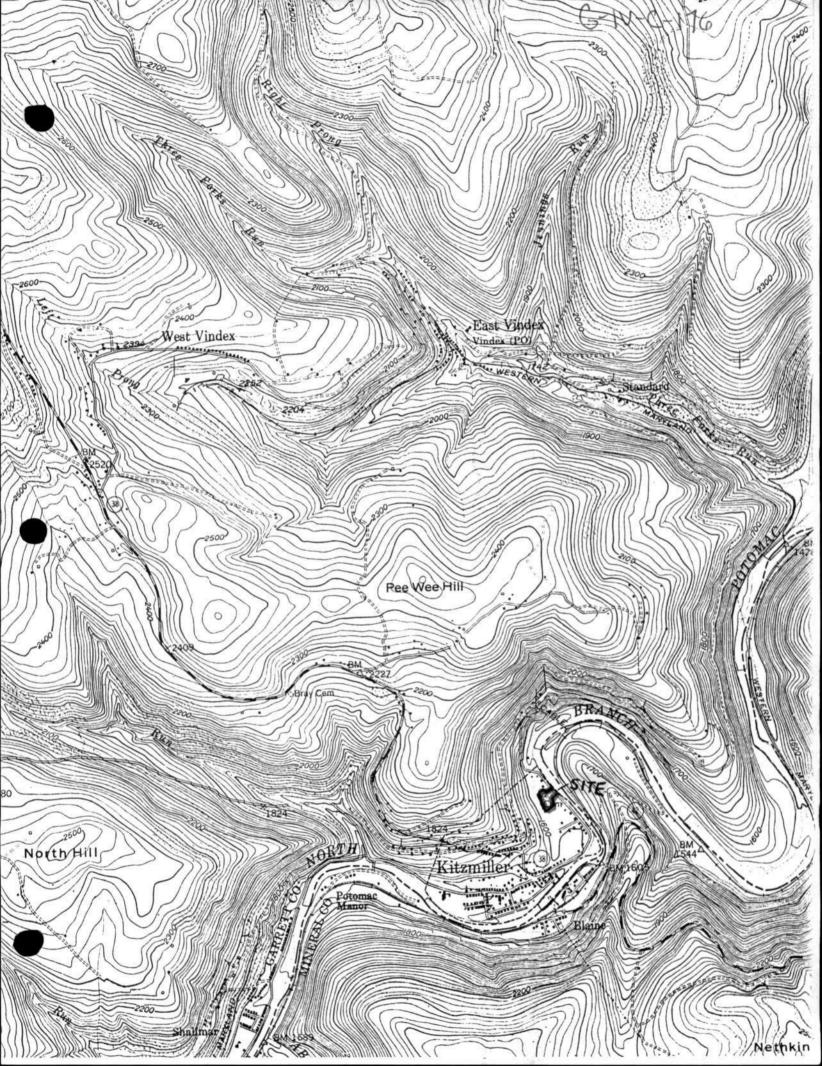
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Project: Kitzmiller Apartments Agency: Farmers Home Adm.	_
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The cemetery is significant for containing the grave site of Ebenezer Kitzmiller, of the founders of Kitzmiller and the driving force behind its development. Kitzmiller born in Garrett County in 1822 and settled in the community which bears his name, approximately the 1840s. His marriage to Emily Wilson, the daughter of Thomas Wilson, early miller in the area, brought Ebenezer to this small settlement. Ebenezer establishe a woolen mill and shirt factory, secured a post office for the community and introduced community to the advancements of the period such as the percussion cap gun, sewing mach and kitchen stove. He served as a judge for the local election district and was instrumental in securing an iron bridge to cross the North Potomac. For these civic contributions, community bears his name. Buried here also are other members of the Kitzmiller famil Ebenezer's wife Emily and two of their four children. No other appropriate site or build directly associated with this person exists.	was in an ed the nine al the ily,
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: compliance file "Kitzmiller Apts"	_
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

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Address: 403-409 Union Street (alternate name: River Street)	Historic district:	yes X no
City: Kitzmiller Zip Code: 21538	County: Garrett	t
USGS Quadrangle(s): Kitzmiller		
Property Owner: Bernadine Evans, Velda Hanlin, Barbara Moore, and Mary	Tax Account ID Number:	: 002266
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Inventory Number: G-IV-C-176 Eligible: X ye	res Listed:	yes
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Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo) The Rufus A. Smith Building, built in 1918 with a decorative cast stone facade, h and partial demolition. The building's compromised structural integrity negativel and materials. Additionally, the surrounding historic Union Street commercial di buildings lost to floods and to the construction of the levy in 1964. The Rufus A. integrity of setting, feeling and association. It is therefore considered to be a non-District and is not individually eligible for the National Register. Physical Description: Kitzmiller, established in the nineteenth century around a woolen mill, and incorp nestled in a crook of the Potomac River at the base of Backbone and Big Savage peak of population and development occurred in the early 20th century, when Kit experienced declining population in recent decades to about 300 residents (www. abandoned buildings, especially in Kitzmiller's commercial area. In the 1960s the	ly impacts its integrity of vistrict is now nearly entirel. Smith Building therefore a-contributing resource in the porated in 1906, is a minimal Mountains in southeasterr tzmiller had about 1,500 in andmunicipal.org), resulting	workmanship, design, ly gone, most of the no longer retains the Kitzmiller Historic and and logging town and Garrett County. Its nhabitants. The town has ng in empty or
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As observed in April of 2010, the building is in a state of collapse, with the entire back half fallen. The façade remains intact, although the blocks forming it are separated by deep structural cracks and the three storefronts are sagging. Probably the most elaborate commercial building in Kitzmiller, this two and one half story, six bay building stands on the west side of Union Street (alternately River Street) and directly over the mill race. Buildings once lined the east side of Union Street, but all are gone now, victims of flooding, beginning with the 1924 flood. Opposite the building on the east side of Union Street is a reinforced concrete bridge parapet wall, constructed after the building in that location was destroyed. The bridge spans the race way.

The building is a two and one half story, six bay commercial block with three storefronts separated by decoratively molded pilasters. An overhanging cornice gives the building an Italianate feel. The upper half story is marked by a series of four rectangular vent openings. The building appears to have been a light weight frame structure (most of the rear structure is gone), with an elaborate cast stone façade. The cast stone blocks were molded and embedded with bits of glass and mirror to provide shiny accent, and to resemble gneiss. Mortar joints have a raised half-round profile, but are narrow. Large cast blocks form lintels over the windows. In addition to the decorative glass shards added to the cast blocks, there is decorative cast molded trim, including a band of cornice molding, dentil frieze and rope molding under the wood cornice, a band of egg and dart and bead molding over the second story windows, and egg and dart, dentil and rope molding at the tops of the pilasters between the storefront sections.

Many of the façade windows are boarded with plywood, but those that are exposed have single pane sash. Above the first story openings is a wooden cornice band defining a series of storefronts and entrances. The unit to the north side of the façade, 403, consists of a wood door with a large pane of glass and large plate glass display windows on either side. Over horizontal mullions are plate glass transom windows. The central storefront (405) is boarded over, but it had a recessed entrance with display windows on either side, plate glass in the front of the display area and along the recess to the entrance. The third unit, 407-409, has two doors, one at the south end of the wall to provide access to residential area on the second floor and a second entrance and a narrow, door-width display window between the two entrances.

Although the roof structure has mostly collapsed, it appears to have been a low-pitched shed roof. The back of the building appears to have rested on piers that carried the sill over the race way. The interior had six or eight rooms at the second story suggested by the exposed wreckage, plastered walls and four-panel wooden doors.

Assessment of integrity: The Rufus A. Smith Building (403-409 Union Street) was a fine commercial block in the early 20th century. The distinctive façade made with cast stone embellished with moldings and embedded bits of glass and mirror made it one of the key buildings in the downtown commercial area of Kitzmiller in the 1920s and 30s. The façade, though sagging and boarded up implies the former grandness of the building. Unfortunately, about 75% of the building is gone. The entire rear wall is missing along with most of the rear rank of rooms. Integrity of design, materials, workmanship and association sadly are no longer

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Although the loss of integrity makes the Rufus A. Smith Building ineligible, its history contributes to the Kitzmiller District history and is documented here.

Historic Context

This historic context is quoted in its entirety from the 1983 "Kitzmiller Survey District" MIHP #G-IV-C-176 documentation with corrections given in brackets []:

Kitzmiller is significant as an example of a town which between 1900 and the late 1920s derived its economic livelihood from the mining and transport of coal, the single most important industry in Garrett County for nearly seventy-five years. The overwhelming majority of architecture in Kizmiller dates from this period and consists of frame single family and duplex houses, churches, as well as several commercial buildings.

Unlike many other communities along the Upper Potomac River, Kitzmiller has at one time or another supported a variety of industries. The earliest of these was a gristmill, tranditionally begun by Thomas Wilson, one of Kitzmiller's founding settlers in 1802. In 1853 a woolen mill and shirt factory was begun by Ebeneezer [sic] Kitzmiller, after whom the town was named. This enterprise occupied a site roughly where the Assembly of God Church now stands on the far western half of town [this is actually a reference to the former location of the grist mill that was near the intersection of Second Street and West Main Street. See attached Sanborn maps]

With the arrival of the first trains of the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railroad in the early 1880s, Kitzmiller took on a new importance as a point from which lumber was shipped. Lumbering continued in importance for the rest of the century.

In the late 1890s and early 1900s, a number of coal companies began operation in the Kitzmiller area giving the town its longest period of sustained economic growth. Among these were the Blaine Coal Co., the Garrett County Coal Co., the Potomac Valley Coal Co., and the Hamill Coal and Coke Company. The Shallmar Mine, opened in 1917 in nearby Shallmar, was the last major mining operation started in this area.

Kitzmiller was not a "company town," and a majority of the houses were owned by the residents rather than by the coal or rail companies. The town prosepered in the early 20th century, reaching a peak population of approximately 1500 before the Depression, and supported a wide variety of businesses and forms of entertainment, including an opera house.

A number of disasters, both natural and economic, contributed to Kitzmiller's decline. A flood on March 29, 1924, destroyed several businesses and other buildings, including the c. 1880 frame building which had housed Kitzmiller's first grade school. After repeated flooding, the Army Corps of Engineers built several flood control measures in the 1950s [sic; the levy was completed by 1964] which included the levelling of several riverfront homes and businesses as well as the rerouting of Route 38 directly through the business section of town and over the river by a new bridge.

Added to this physical decline of Kitzmiller was the economic decline brought on by strikes, the Depression and a slump in the demand for coal. Today, many of Kitzmiller's aging houses stand empty; one national magazine recently described it as a "ghost town...the scar tissue of such historic calamities as the Great Depression and the exhaustion of the local mines."

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Rufus A. Smith Building

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Resource History:

The lot on which the Rufus A. Smith Building stands was part of a larger parcel of approximately one acre, called "the Factory Lot" in deeds dated as early as 1908. Emily and Ebenezer Kitzmiller sold the lot in 1884, measuring 330 feet along E. Main Street (then called "the public road") and 132 feet along Union Street, to William H. Poole for \$2,000. Running through the length of the lot was the mill race, a direct source for water power.

The U.S. Population Census record for 1870 (Allegany Co., Altamont District) listed John H. Kittsmiller [sic] and John H. Rafter (son-in-law of Ebenezer Kitzmiller) both aged 25 years and both occupied as "Woolen Manufacturer." Neither owned real estate, and since local tradition holds that Ebenezer Kitzmiller owned a woolen mill, it was likely his factory that was operated by the two younger men. By 1880 (Garrett Co., District 1), it was William H. Poole who was listed as the "Woolen Manufacturer," while John H. Rafter was listed as "Miller" (the Rafter Milling Co. had a Grist Mill on the west side of Kitzmiller near Second and West Main Streets on the 1912 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. map). When J. Thomas Scharf published his History of Western Maryland in 1882, he described William H. Pool as "a wool manufacturer" and Ebenezer Kitzmiller as "miller" (Kitzmiller listed his occupation as Farmer on the 1880 census). The census for 1900 showed that William Pool and his three sons George, Cleaver, and Henry were all involved in the woolen manufacture business.

In 1902, William Pool conveyed a quarter share in the Factory Lot, "being in the village of Kitzmillersville," to each of his three sons. Kitzmillersville was officially incorporated by act of the Maryland legislature in 1906, but clearly it had been developing since much earlier and the economic boom brought by the railroad in the 1880s and coal mining in the 1890s accelerated the towns development into the 20th century. The 1860 census record (still in Allegany County until 1872) indicated a quiet farming community that probably included a mill (although that was not found in the census record). In 1870 and 1880, the woolen and grist mills offered additional employment but still most residents in the area were occupied in farming. Writing in 1882, J. Thomas Scharf (p. 1526) additionally listed postmaster J. H. Rafter, four merchants, four coopers, three carpenters, two blacksmiths, a stone-mason, wheelwright, chair-maker, and three shoemakers in Kitzmillersville. By the 1900 census, a large influx of coal miners, lumber-related workers, and day laborers occupied a number of rented houses in the area. In 1910, the town was platted and described by surveyor V. G. Pew, showing the "Original Town of Kitzmillersville" lots as a disorganized jumble of various-sized lots, and the two additions called "Kitzmiller's Addition" and "Rafter's Addition" forming the bulk of the west section of town (see attached).

In 1908 the Pool family began selling off parts of the Factory Lot. This was a prime commercial location along Main and Union Streets leading to the iron bridge across the Potomac River to West Virginia. The first sale, in 1908, was a linear lot measuring 135 feet along the west side of Union Street to the First National Bank of Kizmillersville. In 1911, the bank sold a lot (Lot 35 on the 1910 survey map) on the south end of their linear lot, probably already improved (possibly prior to 1908) with the large frame commercial building later known as the Coffman Fisher Co. Building. The 1912 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Kitzmillersville (see attached) shows that the new brick bank building was already constructed on the corner lot (Lot 33 on the 1910 survey map). The bank sold the middle lot (Lot 34 on the 1910 survey map) in 1918 to R. (Rufus) A. Smith.

It appears that Smith was a developer. Lot 34 was, according to the 1912 Sanborn map, the last available building lot on Union Street. It was not an easy lot to develop as the ground was largely included within the old mill race. Any building would have to be constructed on piers over the channel. Smith constructed a frame building with a decorative cast stone façade - including bits of colored glass in the stone face and molded designs along the cornice and between the three storefront entrances. In 1919, Smith sold the building and lot to Frank J. Bell for \$5,000 - nearly all of that sale price in a mortgage. Unfortunately for Bell, it was only a few years before a major Potomac River flood (1924), which severely impacted Union Street, and soon after that the coal market began to slump. Bell defaulted on his loan. In 1927, the property was sold at public sale to Edward James of Mineral County,

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Rufus A. Smith Building

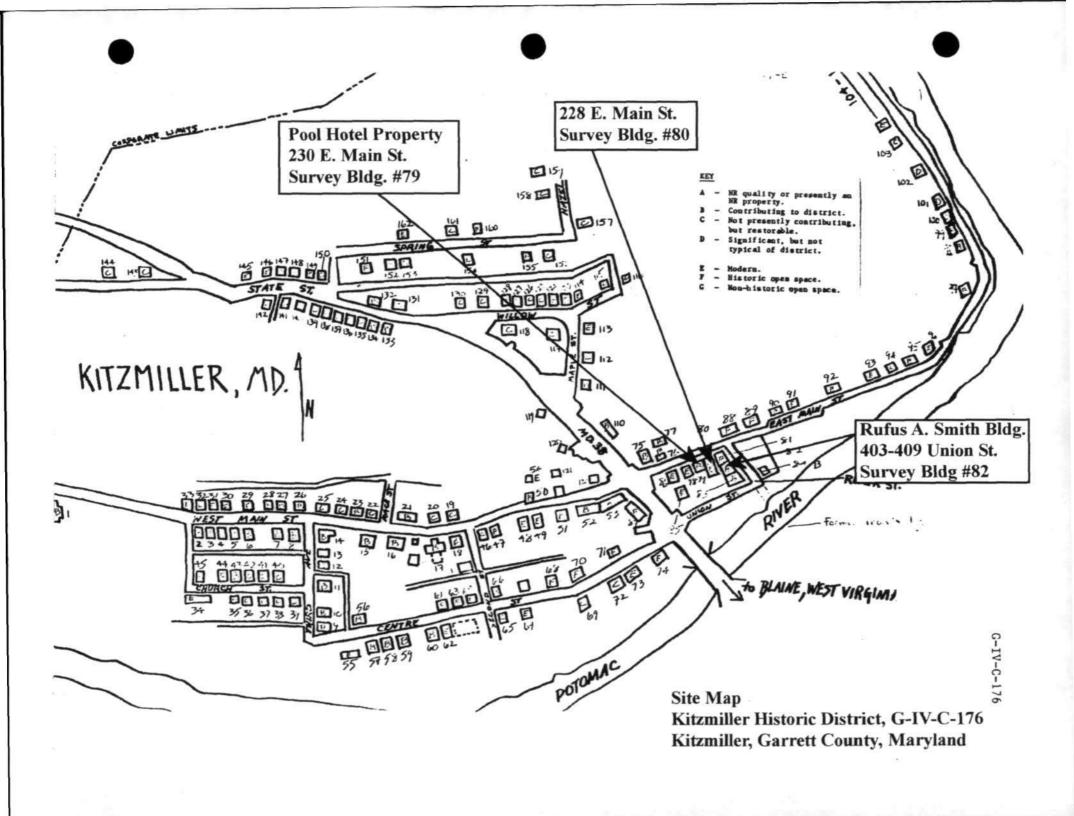
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West Virginia. The James family held the property until 1964.

From the 1880s through the 1950s, the East Main Street/Union Street district served as the primary avenue between Kitzmiller and Blaine, West Virginia, and was an active commercial and entertainment district (see attached "birdseye view"). The 1924 Potomac River flood caused significant property damage along Union Street (see attached photo) and was soon followed by an economic downturn from which Kitzmiller never really recovered. After another flood in 1954 the Maryland Theater was eventually demolished along with the remaining buildings on the east side of Union Street as part of the construction of the flood control levy system. Today only a few buildings remain of this once-lively district.

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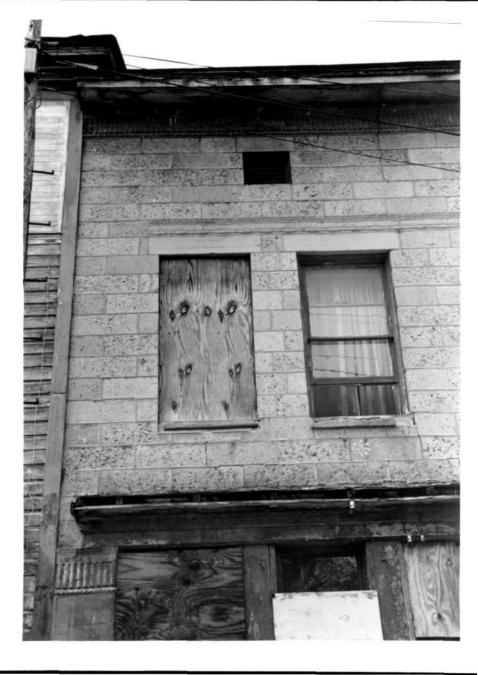
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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

House,	
Property Name: Spring & Hazel Streets	Survey Number: G-/V-C-/76
Property Address: Corner of Spring & Hazel Streets, I	Kitzmiller,
Project: _Rehabilitate Corner of Spring & Hazel Street	Agency: HOME/GCCAC
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name	Date
District Name: _Kitzmiller Survey District	Survey Number: G-1V-C-176
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Criteria:AB <u>X</u> CD Considerations:	ABCDEFGNone
The resource contributes/X does not con	
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Justification for decision: (Use continuation shee	et if necessary and attach map)
Kitzmiller does not meet the National Register Criticity within the survey district (at the northeastern district because of extensive alterations. The two ingle story front porch was probably constructed similar in appearance to many of the houses in sufficiently conveys a sense of that turn-of-the sheathed in artificial siding, the front porch railing replaced and a modern picture window has been insert	n edge), it no longer contributes to the story frame house with cross gable and in the early 20th century and was very the district. However, it no longer century dwelling. The house has been ags have been removed and inappropriately
Documentation on the property is presented in: Proj	ject File
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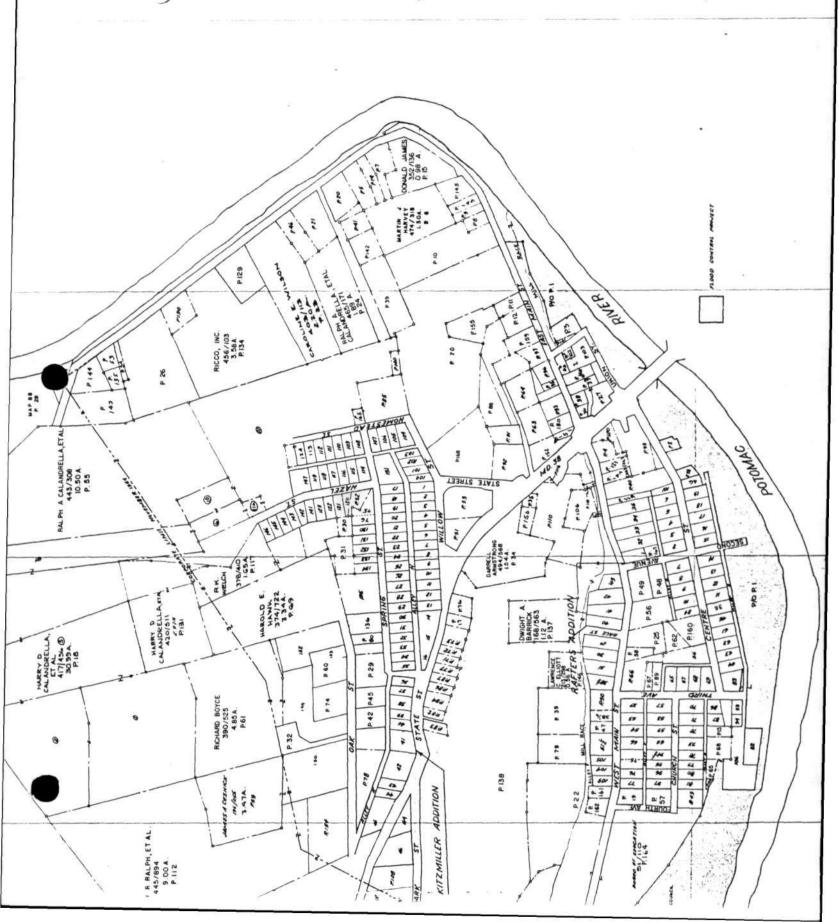
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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

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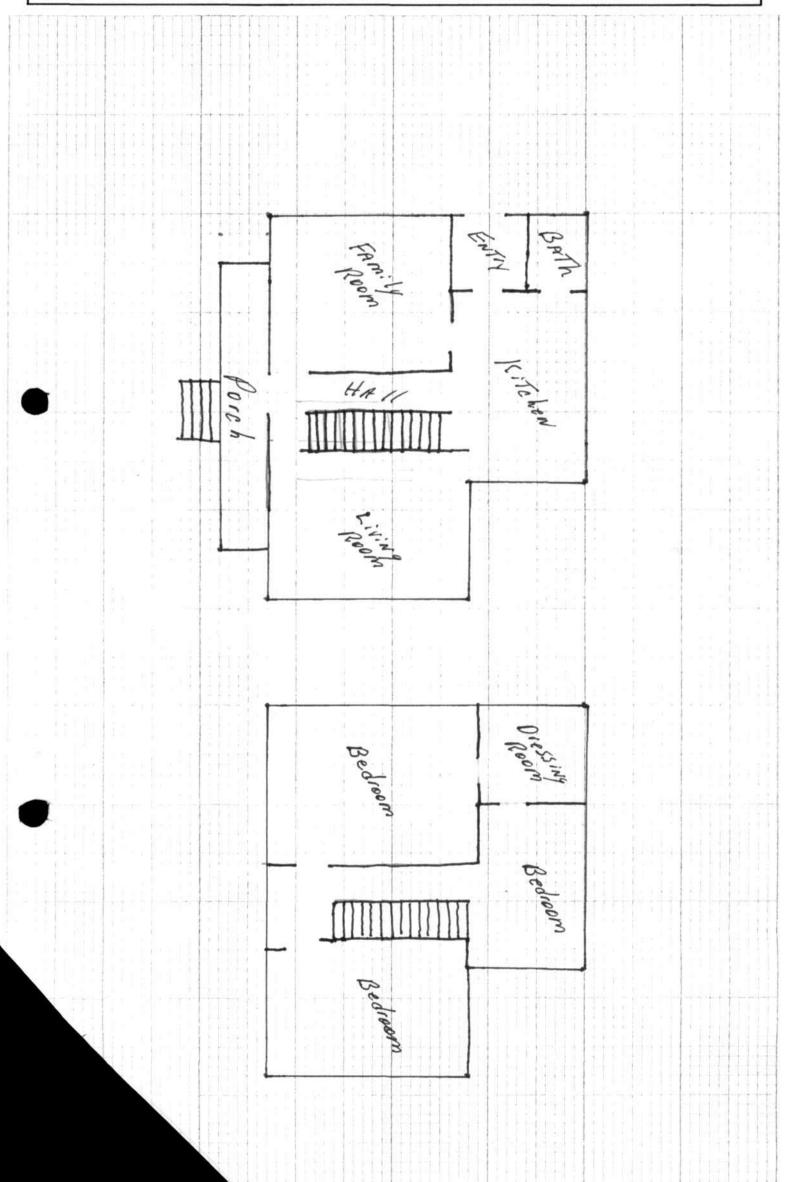
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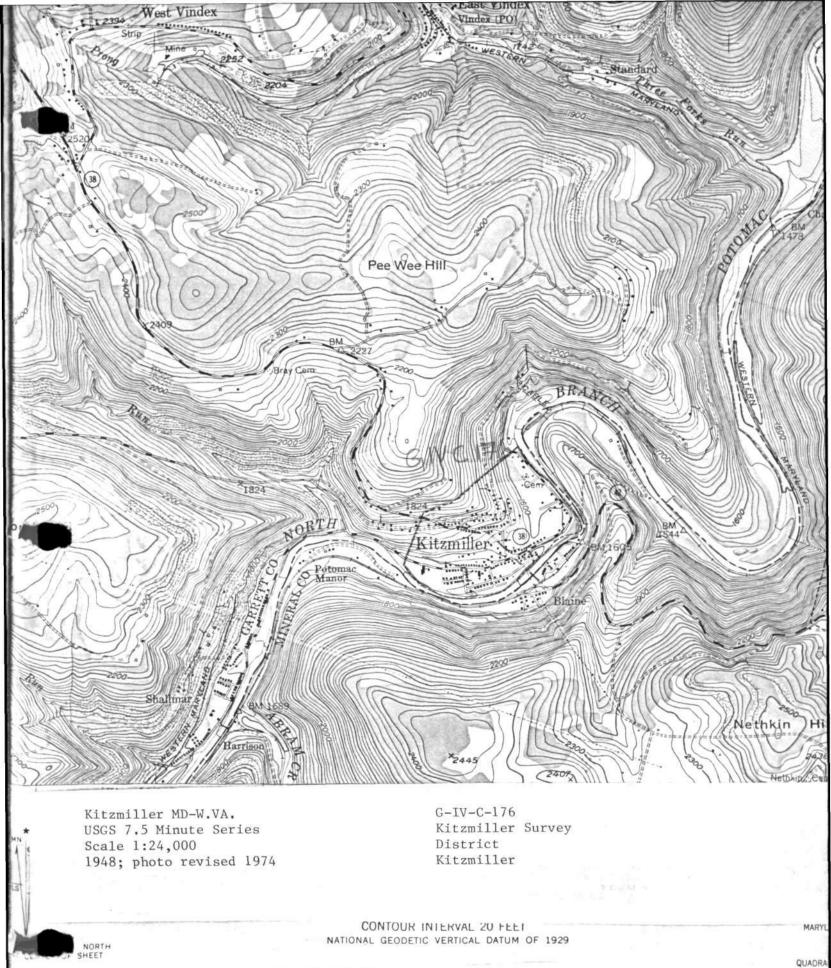
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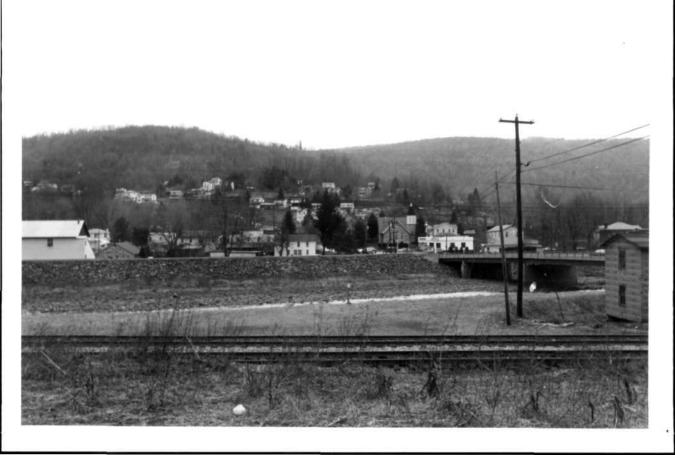
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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
View of town and Potomac River
from W. Va.
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G-IV-C-176 Kitzmiller Survey District Garrett County, Maryland view of town from Blaine, W.Va. G. Henry 1/83



G-IV-C-176
Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
Houses #28, 27, 26, 25
looking East
G. Henry 1/83



G-IV-C-176 Kitzmiller Survey District Garrett County, Maryland House #12 G. Henry 1/83



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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County
House #11
East facade
G. Henry 1/83



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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
House #11
Oblique view

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G-IV-C-176
Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
House #84
West view
G. Henry 1/83



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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
looking SE through porch of #83
G. Henry 1/83



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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
House #83
SE view
G. Henry 1/83



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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
Houses #83, 82, 81
looking NW
G. Henry 1/83



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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
House #7
NW corner
G. Henry 1/83



G-IV-C-176 Kitzmiller Survey District Garrett County, Maryland Bldg #83 looking SE G. Henry 1/83



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Kitzmiller Survey District
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House #53
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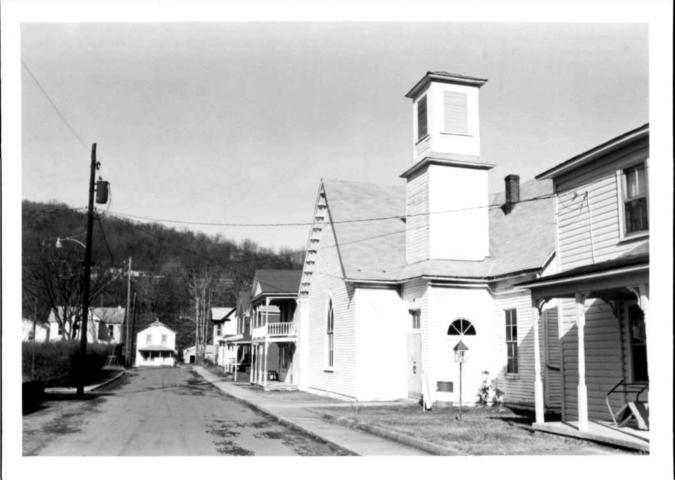
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Bldg. #10 Presbyterian Church
Oblique view
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#14, NW elevation
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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
House #50
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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
Third Avenue
Looking North
G. Henry 1/83



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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
House #26
South facade
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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
River Street with bodgs 81, 82, 83
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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
Bldg. #82
Capital, detail
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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
House #17
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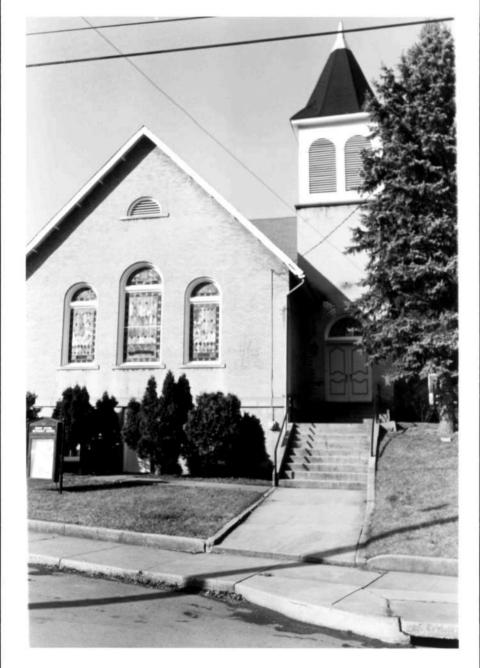
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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
House #17 (school)
Oblique view
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House #17 (school)
detail of lunette over entrance
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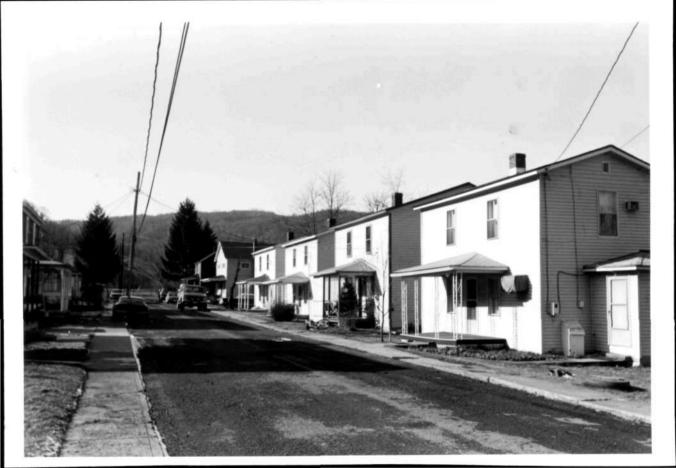
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Kitzmiller Survey District
Garrett County, Maryland
Church Street
looking West
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